

## THE COCONINO SUN.

### Made a Flying Jump.

The train that arrived at Gallup at 2:30 a. m. last Friday from Albuquerque lost one of its passengers in a somewhat sensational manner. As the train was about to slow up at Isleta Junction a man jumped through the closed window of the smoking car. He landed without serious injury and got up and started across the country at breakneck speed. It is believed that he became suddenly demented.

He was a German, about thirty-five years old, but his name is not known. There was nothing about his effects to lead to identification. His valise had a New York custom house clearance card attached to it, and it is believed that he came direct from Germany. His fellow passengers noticed that the man consumed a large quantity of cigarettes en route and he may have been but another victim of this deadly habit. At a late hour nothing has been heard of the curious acting stranger.

### Yuma Prison Statistics.

Supt. Dorrington has filed his report on the Yuma penitentiary, and gives the following interesting information:

There were in confinement at the close of last quarter 206 males and 3 female prisoners; there were received during the present quarter 19, making an aggregate total in confinement of 225; the discharges were 29 males and 1 female, and there remained on hand in confinement September 30, 1897, 196 male and 2 female prisoners. The gross expenditures for the quarter were \$9,681.38. As credits against this expenditure are the following amounts: Received from the United States for maintenance of United States prisoners during second quarter of 1897, \$1,194.75; proceeds sale of adobes, \$19; proceeds sale of blue dirt, \$3.80; deductions on sales of prisoners' manufactures, \$71.46; total, \$1,289.02. This amount deducted from the gross expenditures leaves the

net expense, \$8,392.37; net per diem, \$91.22, and the net per capita per diem, \$0.4442.

### The Rush for Sheep.

There is an inclination again for men to rush pell mell into sheep husbandry on the hypothesis that it will make them rich in a few years. It is safe to say that some now entering upon the business of sheep raising will get out of it with much less money than they have now. While it is true that there are better opportunities now than for many years, the chances favor men who know the business and will give it their personal attention and prudent, economical and intelligent supervision. There is no other class of stock raising that punishes blunder and mismanagement so promptly and inexorably. Many of us recall the fever of excitement with which men went into sheep raising eighteen or twenty years ago. Many of these were men who knew nothing of life outside of cities. Many others, who had been raised in the country, knew nothing of handling sheep on the range. For a year or so providence seemed to favor them and the ignorant and inexperienced found success. This fact built up the idea that experience was unnecessary. All sorts and classes of men bought sheep and turned them out on the vast ranges with herders as ignorant as themselves. In a very few years the inevitable result of ignorance and mismanagement came and hundreds of men were hopelessly wrecked. Now at this time we hope that profane history will not repeat itself.—Southwestern Stockmen.

Tucson Methodists are feeling quite happy this week. For years they have been burdened with a church debt of \$800. On Sunday a special effort was made to lift the debt, and every dollar of it was provided for, with some to spare.—Star.